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DEPT PASS HORN OF AFRICA COLLECTIVE

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SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN REACTION TO SAID TRIP TO EGYPT

1. IN CONTINUING EXPRESSION OF CONCERN OVER PERCEIVED ARAB AND WESTERN SUPPORT FOR SIAD BARRE, MAY 10 "ETHIOPIAN HERALD" CARRIED SIGNED ARTICLE REACTING TO SIAD'S EGYPTIAN VISIT. DISJOINTED ARTICLE SLURRED SAUDI INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT/MODERNIZATION EFFORTS, CARRIED USUAL CALUMNIES ABOUT SIAD'S PERSONAL LIFE, AND ALSO OBLIQUELY WARNED EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA, "WHO MAKE CARTER'S POLICY FOR THE REGION," NOT TO EXTEND THE GAME BEYOND LIMITS. IT WILL BE BETTER FOR THEM TO MIND THEIR OWN BUSINESS."

2. ARTICLE ENDS WITH OBSERVATION THAT A REALISTIC AND IMAGINATIVE GOVERNMENT IN SOMALIA WILL HAVE TO RISE ABOVE CLAN AND TRIBAL LINES, OTHERWISE SOMALIA WILL DISINTEGRATE. DISINTEGRATION TENDENCY WAS NOTED BY CITING "THE ISSAG, GEDEBURSIE AND HABERAWEL CLANS IN THE NORTH WHO HAVE ORGANIZED TO OPPOSE THE DAROD MEREHAN CLIQUE IN THE SOUTH AS MEANS OF SECURING INDEPENDENCE OF THE
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NORTH."

3. COMMENT: ARTICLE WAS UNUSUALLY UNPOLISHED AND HAPHAZARDLY ORGANIZED, IN CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS, CAREFULLY CONSTRUCTED ATTACKS ON SIAD. IT IS DIFFICULT TO ATTRIBUTE MUCH WEIGHT TO ARTICLE AS A WHOLE, OR, INDEED, EVEN DETERMINE WHAT ITS POINT WAS. BEST GUESS IS THAT PMGSE

CONTINUES TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT IT REGARDS AS US-
ARAB CONSPIRACY TO HELP SOMALIA AND HARM ETHIOPIAN REVO-
LUTION. ARTICLE'S THREATS WERE GENERAL AND NOTHING NEW.
THEY HAD TENOR OF WARNING WEST/ARAB COALITION THAT
"YOU'D BETTER NOT ASSIST SOMALIA, OR ELSE," WITHOUT SPE-
CIFYING THE CONSEQUENCES.
MATHERON

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